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Be Sure You Are Right And Then Go Ahead.---Davy Crocket.

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ORIGINAL TALE.

For The Star

Buried Alive,

BY ECALLAW.

In January, 1856, a young Southerner arrived at Smithville, and entered the house of Raymond & Carey in the humble capacity of dry goods clerk. A quiet, pleasant, genteel looking young man was Alfred Raymond; obliging to all, intimate with none, he seemed to care for nothing, but the fortune he had left home to make. But, unlike most fortune-seekers, he sought to make it honestly, and with the good will of all.

But a change came over the spirit of his dreams. The first time he saw Kittie Norwood, he fell a victim to tormenting Cupid's arts. Not that he loved her as yet. No. He did not own this even to himself. Besides Alf. Raymond was no fool; and he well knew that John Norwood would never give his beautiful and accomplished daughter to a wandering youth without a home he could call his own; even if he could win her affections, which he considered very doubtful. But still she lingered in his memory, and each subsequent interview deepened the impression made upon his heart until at last he became miserable, and heartily wished he had never seen the lovely town of Smithville.

But strange to relate, (but which will be readily understood by persons in his situation,) he lingered near her, and was never happier than when by her side.

As for Kittie, she thought him a good looking, yes, really a handsome young man, intelligent, genteel. O! he was altogether a nice young man. But she had never once thought of loving him. Poor Alf. It was well he could not read her secret thoughts, for when she smiled at meeting him. his heart fluttered at the thought that perhaps she loved him.—Thus weeks rolled by.

It was a dark, stormy night in March following. The wind howled fiercely through the leafless branches of the giant oaks which adorned the town, and roared amid the surrounding hills. Raymond had just finished the business of the evening, and was sitting before the cracking fire in his little sleeping room, smoking a cigar, listening to the rustling winds without, and dreaming of the future. Suddenly he heard the distant shout—Fire! He listened; louder arose the startling cry. Snatching up his hat he hurried out into the street to ascertain the worst. 'Twas the residence of Mr. Norwood, situated on the eastern side of the town, full half a mile off.

For a moment Raymond stood gazing blankly at the rolling flames, mantling higher and yet higher toward the skies. Then joining the excited crowd he hurried to the spot. 'Twas a sublime spectacle—those billows of fire. wrapping in flames that noble mansion and lighting up the surrounding darkness for a long distance around. That large and excited crowd, which had gathered from every quarter of the town, standing around powerless before the devouring element.

As Raymond neared the spot he looked around—there was Mr. and Mrs. Norwood—safe. But where was she, whom he loved better than life—without whom existence itself was not desirable. She alone was left in the doomed house; and the floors and stairways were wrapped in flames.

Norwood appealed frantically to the multitude to save his only child, and offered immense rewards for her rescue. But the danger was too appalling; none volunteered to undertake the hazardous enterprise.

Raymond snatched up a thick woolen blanket, and hastily wrapped himself in it, and with a hurried prayer for success, rushed into the building amid the murmured applause of the assembled multitude who could appreciate, though they could not perform so noble an action.

Scorched by the flames, almost suffocated by the clouds of smoke which filled the interior of the building he made his way up the first stairway and paused—no sound, save the roar of the flames, fanned into fiercer fury by the sweeping wind. He called, but received no answer—shouted, but in vain. He hurried to a window and endeavored to peer through the rolling clouds of smoke which shut him off from the world. If he could only feel that he was still in the busy world, and not cut off from human aid—lured on to destruction by an invisible demon which he could not resist. He pressed his hands to his face to shut out the terrible fancies which were thronging through his brain, a foretaste of the dreadful fate awaiting him.

A low groan reached his ears—he rushed in the direction of the sound. A door, fastened, locked, stopped him; he tried in vain to open it, he sprang against it with all his strength. It tottered, opened, and Kittie Norwood rushed to meet him.

"Oh, Mr. Raymond, may heaven bless you for this. I could not find the key to unlock my door and I had given up to perish."

Without uttering a word he snatched her in his arms and hurried out. Everything depended on his haste, his life, her life was hanging on a point—if the way of escape was blocked up by flames they were lost. Suddenly he paused, the last ray of hope was extinguished, escape was impossible; they were lost, lost inevitably.

Driven backward by the fierce torrent of fire that came rushing up before them, he recoiled back into the room in which he had found her; and closing the door he seated her upon a soft cushioned sofa and kneeling beside her, he buried his face in his hands.

For a moment he sat motionless, her face was white as death, and her eyes shone with a strange light, but her compressed lips showed the unflinching fortitude with which she met her fate. At last she whispered,

"Is there no hope?"

Raymond raised his head and gazed silently at her.

"Must we die?" she asked.

He arose and stood before her; his voice was calm, cold, distinct,

"You will not perish, you will be saved, I know not what my fate will be but it will be something terrible. If I perish will you not remember me, and shed a tear over the memory of one who loved you better than life and who died to save you. You cannot realize the depth of my affection for you," he continued more passionately, "but —"

The floor tottered beneath them, and the flames burst into the room. Grasping her tightly to his breast he sprung to a window; through the parting clouds of smoke he could see the multitude below looking eagerly for his return. A moments hesitation, a swift whistling through the air and he knew no more.

* * * * "The lady is not seriously injured," said Dr. Marlow, the surgeon of Smithville.

"And the gentleman?"

"The gentleman is dead; his head struck a stone and fractured his skull," and the surgeon turned away to give his attention to the lady, leaving the unfortunate young man to his fate. And what was he to the citizens of Smithville, more than any other stranger. Friendless, poor, who was there in that multitude to weep over his fate, or feel more than a passing sadness as they looked at that cold white face, There was one,—one who mourned sincerely—the fair young girl for whose life he had given his own. And there were others who wept for her sake.

Morning came, bright and beautiful. The storm had spent its fury and the wind his strength; and the sun arose and poured forth his cheering rays upon the earth as if to make amends for the preceeding night's disaster. Business resumed its onward march in Smithville. Business! That power which neither death, nor fire, nor aught else can stop. True there was a new grave being made beneath the old oak in the Smithville burying-ground; and a heap of smouldering ashes, where once stood the beautiful mansion of Mr. Norwood; but the people of Smithville believed in taking care of themselves and their own, and leaving others to do the same,

The day wore away and evening had arrived when Raymond was carried to his narrow bed beneath the clods of the valley. A few sympathizing friends stood around his open grave to hear the solemn burial service read over him. A few tears were shed over the noble and unfortunate young stranger; and all turned away to pursue their daily avocations, and to forget him; or only to remember him as the young man who was killed when Mr, Norwood's house was burned; little dreaming that the throbbing of that still, silent heart had been only temporarily suspended, and that soon the life current would begin to flow, and no one near to rescue him.

The sun had long set, and the stars alone kept watch over the darkened earth when Alf. Raymond awoke. Slowly the life current began its ebb and flow, and still more slowly did consciousness and reason resume their sway.

Reader, did you ever imagine yourself buried alive? Did you ever fold your hands across your bosom, in utter darkness and imagine yourself fettered in a coffin with the earth piled above you, shutting out all expectation or hope of life, with no companions, save the mouldering bodies of those gone before you, lying by your side? Do you remember the thrill of horror which crept over you, to thrust out your arms to drive away the feeling? If so you have some idea of the horror with which Raymond became acquainted with his dreadful situation.

Slowly the remembrance of the incidents, of the past twenty-four hours rose up before him, growing more extinct with every effort to recall them. He remembers hearing the surgeon pronounce him dead; bitter thoughts would rise up against him. for he might have examined him more carefully before he sentenced him to this dreadful death. He remembered the murmurs of sorrow and sympathy which burst from the group standing around his coffin, before it was finally closed. And then he forgot his rage against the surgeon when he remembered the lingering kiss of her he had sacrificed himself to save from death. All rose up in his mind like a strange fantastic dream, and for awhile he dwelt over it, almost forgetting his horrible situation.

Then as he felt the hard unyielding sides of his coffin the reality rushed upon him. In vain he struggled to raise himself, to extend his arms, to enlarge his narrow prison but an inch; a wall of adamant was not more firm. In vain he shouted for aid, but his voice was lost in the solid earth around him; and had aid been near, his fate would still have been unknown. In vain he prayed to meet death with composure; the heavens above seemed cut off from his reach and his terror remained.

Human agony can only exist to a certain extent, when we pass this boundary, the feelings become blunted and the mind insensible to pain.

It was thus with Raymond; a stupor crept over him, driving away all feeling save a dim, shadowy consciousness of his situation. Hours, days, weeks crept slowly by, for in the grave there is no computation of time, a day is as a year and a year as a day.

Again he was aroused, this time by slow dripping of the water into his coffin; and he remembered with a new thrill of horror, that the graves in this burying-ground were in this season of the year, soon filled with water. Sudden death was inevitable; the little space around his coffin outside was filled, and through the cracks, beneath the coffin lid, the water was oozing slowly, yet surely. One might think this a merciful providence, but to the unfortunate victim it was not; for life is sweet, and to the perfectly sane, death can never appear in any other than a hideous form. Perhaps it is for the reason that our kind Creator has ordained that we should leave our earthly home, while our faculties are suspended, or acting unnaturally for were our love of life, friends, or any earthly things in full action, we could never leave this state but with regret.

Slowly the water rose—his body was half covered and his head was only kept above it by the pillow, which had been placed by some kind hand to give an air of quiet slumber to his long rest.

The water reached his head, it crept slowly along the side of his face. He pressed his face against the coffin lid—a few moments more and the subtle fluid would cover his lips and cut off his existence, strange images were floating before his eyes, unearthly sounds rumbled in his ears, the coffin walls trembled around him, an invisible hand reached down and clutched him by the hair, and was dragging him from his hiding place to cast him into outer darkness. * * * * * * * He opened his eyes. Kittie Norwood was bending over him. For awhile they looked into each others eyes in silence. Those eyes, neither had expected to see again.

"Where am I?" he asked at last.

"Wait, perhaps you had better not talk about it yet. Dr, Marlow will come in a few minutes."

Presently Dr. Marlow bustled into the room,

"Had a serious time, young man. You must forgive me for thinking you dead.—Fact is, I was never more astonished than when I discovered life in you. A dispute arose between myself and Dr. Beaumont concerning you, and we repaired last night to the church-yard to examine into the cause of your death more minutely. You had a narrow escape from being drowned. The water had reached your lips."

Thus the worthy doctor rattled on, and Raymond slowly gathered the facts. The surgeons had dug him up to settle a dispute, concerning the injury of the brain, necessary to produce death, by sawing asunder his skull. They had found life not extinct and had removed him to a house close by. He was delirious for several hours; but after a quiet slumber he awoke out of danger.

On a calm, sweet evening in May following, when the sun shone with the brightness, but without the heat of summer, and the earth was decked out in her fairest robes; there was a wedding in Smithville. Raymond had won his treasure and Kittie Norwood became Mrs. Raymond.

Ten years afterwards I chanced to pass through Smithville again; there was a new mansion on the site of Mr. Norwood's old one which had been destroyed. I asked a fat old gentleman who owned that beautiful residence.

"Alf. Raymond. The young merchant who married the daughter of the late John Norwood. S'pose you've heard of his saving her life and getting buried alive?"

"Oh, yes! such things never remain a secret."

"Well, sir, that was a big price to give for a girl, but she's worth it. She's a rare lady, sir; got four or five children, pretty as dolls. to boot, sir; O! Raymond is a rare, happy man, sir."

But he came very near losing when he played that dreadful game, the conditions of which were "life and happiness," or "a dreadful death."

☞ Massachusetts has one convict to every hundred citizens; Alabama has one convict to every five thousand three hundred and ninety citizens,

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☞ The United States has a greater length of railways then all other countries together.

☞ Almost every decade in our country's history. ending with the figure seven has marked the beginning of a financial crash or severe depression.

☞ A merchant in New York who failed twice in fifteen years and was forced to sell his wife's wardrobe to procure the neccessaries of life has just retired with a fortune of $500,000.

The Star,

J. B. CARPENTER,
EDITOR.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1867.

To the Patrons of the Star.

We have published the STAR for near twelve months, almost entirely at our own expense, and have endeavored to give you as good a paper as was in our power to do, taking all things into consideration. Almost all of you promised to pay us in the Fall, either in cash or country produce; Fall has come and gone, your crops have been gathered and sold and we have not as yet received our pay. Perhaps you have all forgotten us, or it may be, you have our portion laid aside and intend at some "convenient season" to bring it in, if so we assure you, with us that, season has already arrived, and we are very much in need at the present time, and would like to get our portion soon. We need money to buy our paper, to pay our workmen, to pay for house rent and fire wood, and would be glad that all who aro indebted to us. either for Subscription, Advertising or Job Work would call in and square up, either at or before next court. If you cannot pay us the money bring along your produce, we will take it and give you the market price for it. Live and let live!

We also ask, as a favor to us, that you would all exert your influence to get us more subscribers. Since the 1st of January, 1867, our list has been considerably increased by the influence of a few of our friends, and we would be glad if more of them would take such an interest in their County Paper, for if they would patronize us as they should we would soon be able to give them a much larger paper. We are confident that the citizens of Rutherford County are as liberal and generous hearted people as live in any county in the State. We hope at our next Court to be able to collect all arrearages and increase our subscription list several hundred.

Reconstruction.

In another column will be found the bill which passed both Houses of Congress, for placing the South under military government preparatory to their admission into the Union. It is thought that the President will veto the bill, as there is no doubt about his being opposed to it. yet he may not do so, believing it to be the most liberal terms that will be offered to the South by Congress.

The Key-Stone.

We have received from the publishers the March number of this valuable Masonic Monthly, and take pleasure in recommending it to the craft. We will receive and forward the the money for any of our friends who desire to subscribe for the work. Terms $2, per year.

W. C. & R. Railroad.

The Stockholders of this road met at Wilmington last Monday but we have not heard anything of their proceedings as yet.

John H. Surratt.

The steamer Swartara arrived at Washington on Tuesday, the 19th ult., having on board John H. Surratt, who is charged with being one of the assassinators of President Lincoln. He was delivered over to Marshal Gooding by Admiral Radford and is now confined in the city jail. Surratt was arrested sometime since in Alexandre, Egypt.

☞ Donotreadthislineaswe useitforfillingoutthiscolumn.

Remedy for Dull Times.

The following extract, taken from the Augusta Press, is a great remedy for dull times, and we advise the Merchants of our town to cut it out and pin it in their hats so they can see it often:

"Nothing is more comon than to hear the remark "Oh, it is useless to advertise —the time arê too dull," and the philosophers who adopt this policy, content themselves to play euchre in the back store or stand on the curb and watch the ladies as they flaunt by, arrayed in dry goods, most probably bought from a dealer who keeps his name before the people. Instead of keeping the name of their wares tempting before the public, they are content to plod along waiting for customers to find them out; as thought it were the duty of the buying public to issue a searce warrant to find that they have the goods Desired. Old Stephen Girard the model of prudence, as well as of success—adopted a different policy. He kept his name before the public in the dull season as well as when trade was active. Indeed he said it was more necessary to advertise out of the regular pressure of business than at any other time.

A few Stephed Girards mixed in with our mercantile community just now might put a different aspect on buisiness. Who knows?"

The Lady's Friend.

For March.—"The Truent's Return," a beautiful Steel Engraving, leads off this number of the "Queen of the Monthlies." Then we have the usual elegant and refined Steel Fashion Plate and a number of Patterns for Spring Dresses Promenade Toiletts, Caps &c An Engraving of a noted French Aquairium in Paris show the large style in which they do things in the Old World, The Music this month is "Tillie's Passed Away The Literary Matter is made up of the continuations of the novelets of "Orville College," by Mrs. Henry Wood. and "How A Woman Had Her Way," by Elizabeth Prescott—both of which increase steadily in interest and attractiveness—with shorter artcles such as "Travelling with Half a million," "Doctor Dalhousie," "A Bull-Fight at Madrid" (Illustrated), "Aunt Julia's Visit," and Editorials, Receipts, Fashions, &c. The publishers announce in addition, novelets by Amanda Douglass and Frank Lee Benedict. They also announce, in addition to the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Macines, a Splendid List of new Premiums, including Silver-Plated Tea Sets Cake-Baskets, Ice-Pitchers, Silver and Gold Watches Guns Rifles, Clothes Wringers. Melodeons and Organs, Appleton's Cyclopædia &c. A beautiful Steel Engraving 29 inches long by 20 inches wide called "One of Life's Happy Hours," will be sent gratis to evry single ($2.50) subscriber, and to every person sending a club Specimen number of the magazine containing the particulars of the premium offers and the reduced price to clubs, will be sent on the receipt of twenty cents.

Price (with engraving) $2.50 a year; Four copies (with one engraving $9·00; Eight copies (with extra magzine and an engaving) $12.00; One copy of Lady's Friend and one of Saturday Evening Post (and one engraving), $4.00. Address Decon & Peterson, 319 Walnut Street Philadelphia.

New Advertisements.

See Card of Dr. Padgett in another column, and should you need any work in his line, give him a call and we are shure he will do the very best he can for you.

See also the advertisement of Messrs. McArthur & Carpenter.

The Crescent Monthly.

The extent, variety and character of the contents of THE CRESCENT for this month, are remarkably fine. Probably the most interesting article is the "Litterateurs of the South, " by JAMES WOOD DAVIDSON, Esq. This is the first paper of a series; opening with Augusta J. Evans, Paul H. Hayne and Mathew Fontaine Maury.

Then there is a good paper upon "Wordsworth— Old Objections Revived and Answered;" by Paul H. Hayne, Esq.; and "Extracts from a Literary Note Book," from the same pen. The other orginal articles are: "Jean Ingelow," by Mr. Davidson; "Judith," by Miss Clara V. Dargan; "The Portraits of Stonewall Jackson;" "My Old Chum, Tom Atherton;" "A Chapter on Puns;" three poems "Killed," by Mrs. Edwards; "The Bride's Secret," by W. B. S.: and "A Farewell," by Miss Dargan—and the "Editorial Notes" and Book Notices,"

There is one translation—a sweet little story from the German—"The Broken Vase," by J. G Wilson, Esq.

The selection are. "A Night Adventure on the Hooghly," from the Leisure Hour; Petofi, the Hungarian Poet,' London Review. "The Conventional Laws of Society," Fraizer's Magazine; and "The King of Abyssinia," Chambers's Journal.

RECONSTRUCTION!

Plan Proposed by the Congress of the United States!!

THE BILL AS IT FINALLY PASSED CONGRESS!!!

The following is a correct copy of the act "to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," as it passed:

WHEREAS, no legal State governments or adequate protection for life or property now exists in the rebel States of Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas, and whereas, it is necessary that peace and good order should be enforced in said States until loyal and republican State governments can be legally established; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That said rebel States shall be divided into military districts, and made subject to the military authority of the United States, as hereinafter prescribed, and for that purpose Virginia shall constitute the first district; North-Carolina and South Carolina the second district;—Georgia, Alabama and Florida the third district; Mississippi and Arkansas the fourth district, and Louisiana and Texas, the fifth district.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted That it shall be the duty of the President to assign to the command of each of said districts an officer of the army not below the rank of brigadier-general and to detail a sufficient military force to enable such officer to perform his duties and enforce his authority within the district to which he is assigned.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of each officer assigned as aforesaid to protect all persons in their rights of person and property, to suppress insurrection, disorder and violence, and to punish or cause to be punished all disturbers of the public peace and criminals; and to this end he may allow local civil tribunals to take jurisdiction of and try offenders, or when in his judgment it may be necessary for the trial of offenders, he shall have power to organize military commissions or tribunals for that purpose; and all interference under color of State authority under this act shall be null and void.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That all persons put under military arrest by virtue of this act shall be tried without unnecessary delay, and no cruel or unusual punishment shall be inflicted; and no sentence of any military commission or tribunal hereby authorized, affecting the life or liberty of any person, shall be executed until it is approved by the officer in command of the district; and the laws and regulations for the government of the army shall not be affected by this act, except in so far as they may conflict with its provisions; Provided, That no sentence of death under the provisions of this act shall be carried into effect without the approval of the President.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That when the people of any one of the aforesaid rebel States shall have formed a constitutional government in conformity with the Constitution of the United States in all respects, framed by a convention of delegates elected by the male citizens of said State twenty-one years old and upwards, of whatever race, color, or previous condition, who have been resident in said State for one year previous to the day of such election, except such as may be disfranchised for participation in the rebellion or for felony at common law; and when such constitution shall provide that the elective franchise shall be enjoyed by all such persons as have the qualifications herein stated for election of delegates; and when such constitution shall be ratified by a majority of the persons voting on the question of ratification who are qualified as electors for delegates, and when such constitution shall have been submitted to Congress for examination and approval, and Congress shall have approved the same; and when said State, by a vote of its Legislature elected under said constitution shall have adopted the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the Thirty Ninth Congress, and known as article 14 and when said article shall have become a part of the Constitution of the United States, said State shall be declared entitled to representation in Congress, and Senators and Representatives shall be admitted therefrom on taking the oath prescribed by law, and then and thereafter the preceeding sections of this act shall be inoperative in said State: Provided; That no person excluded from the privilege of holding office by said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be eligible to election as a member of the convention to frame a constitution for any of said rebel States, nor shall any such person vote for members of said convention.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That until the people of said rebel States shall be, by law, admitted to representation in the Congress of the United States, any civil governments which may exist therein shall be deemed provisional only, and in all respects subject to the paramount authority of the United States at any time to abolish modify, control or supercede the same; and in all elections to any office under such provisional governments all persons shall be entitled to vote, and none other, who are entitled to vote under the provisions of the fifth section of this act; and no person shall be eligible to any office under any such provisional governments who would be disqualified from holding office under the provisions of the third article of said constitutional amendment.

The following editorial comments, taken from the N. Y. Tribune of the 21st inst., explanatory of the above bill, is hereto appended:

"The immediate responsibility now rests with the President, and after him with the Southern States. He may veto the bill, and they may refuse its offers. But should it become a law the effects will be these:

I. The Rebel States will retain their present governments, but merely as provisional governments, under which no person who, as the third section of the Constitutional Amendment enacts, "having taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States," shall have aided the Rebellion, is eligible to office. And also under such governments no discrimination in regard to color shall be made in the elective franchise.

II While these provisional governments exist the rebel States are to be divided into military districts governed by officers of the army, with power to organized military courts superior to State authority.

III. The people of the Rebel States whenever they are tired of this government may, by a vote of all their citizens without respect to color, except those disqualified from holding office by the Constitutional Amendment elect delegates to a Convention to form State Constiutions When these Constitutions are established upon the basis of impartial suffrage, and are ratified by the people and when the State thus organized have adopted the Constitutional Amendment they shall be admitted to representation in Congress, when military rule will cease and South-Carolina and Texas will hold the same place in the Union as New York and Massachusetts, Nor is there want of cause to hope that this result may soon be reached for those provisions of the bill which at once establish Impartial Suffrage make the freedmen equal participants in the work."

☞ The proposition to change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church South submitted to the Annual Conference by the General Conference has been defeated From the same source we also learn that the Lay Delegation proposition stand a chance of sharing the same fate.

☞ It has been ascertained by a chemist that turning down the wick of a kerosene lamp for the purpose of leaving a low flame on going the bed or on leaving the room of an evening is highty unsafe. The low flame generates a positionous air in the room different from, but quite as bad if not worse in effects than gas from a coal stove.

TENNESSEE, ALL HAIL—Gov. Brownlow sends us the following conclusive dispatch:

NASHVILLE Feb. 18;

To Hon. J. W. Forney:

The negro suffrage bill has passed the Senate— yeas 14: nays 7. It is now the law of the State. My respects to Andrew Pharaoh.

WM G. BROWNLOW,
Governor of Tennessee.

—*Washington Chronicle,*

☞ The President stated on Thursday that his nominations in future would be such as he could expect the senate to confirm.

—Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, tenders his advice to the public as follows: "Never buy goods of those who don't advertise. They have so litle to sell that they have to sell dear".

—Sliggins saw a note lying on the ground, but knew that it was counterfeit and walked on without picking it up. He told Smithers the story, when the latter said. "Do you know' Sliggins you have committed a very grave offence?" "You have passed a counterfeit bill,"

☞ The Patent Office is self-sustaining and now has on hand a fund of $280,000, after paying all expenses.

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Oh! thou art false
And worthless! all thy charms
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But still my soul
Returns to thee again,
To sip thy drop of tempting sweet—
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The sinful world—
A current deep and strong—
On whose dark waves I drifting float,
Bourne helplessly along.

My soul in vain
Struggles to break the chain,
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Can I not yet the victory gain
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